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Rogue decorator attempted to fleece man, 78, out of £2,500

A DECORATOR has been given a suspended prison sentence after trying to fleece a pensioner out of £2,500 for shoddy paint work to his house.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Dean Welch, of Red Bridge Hollow, was sentenced to seven months in prison, suspended for two years and given a 12-month supervision order at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

The case was brought by Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards team, after they were contacted by the 78-year-old pensioner.

Welch's work at the victim's home in Ambleside Drive was deemed to be of such a poor standard by a surveyor that it had no value whatsoever.

On June 27, 2012, a man approached the pensioner as he was walking home and offered him a lift, and then said he would paint the outside of his house for £2,500.

Work began the following day and money was demanded on June 29, despite the project being unfinished. The job was then transferred to Welch and supplied a new invoice.

The pensioner left his house early on June 30 as he was worried he would be taken to a bank by Welch to withdraw cash, and was taken home by police after suffering a fall.

He then told the officer about the job, who became concerned due to the poor quality of the work.

One of the workmen then contacted the pensioner and offered a £100 discount if he didn't call Trading Standards, at which time he then did so.

Richard Webb, head of Trading Standards for the county council, said: "This case is an example of a trader preying on a vulnerable person, who then became intimidated with the tactics that were used.

"The judge recognised the seriousness of the offence and has imposed a suspended custodial sentence, as well as a supervision order.

"As the surveyor's assessment showed, the standard of work

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Scientists discover 'sleep trigger switch'

RESEARCHERS at Oxford University have identified the switch in the brain that triggers sleep, it was announced last week.

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A handful of sleep-promoting neurons in the brain begin to fire when a person is tired and needs sleep, and dampen down when fully rested.

Although the research was carried out on fruit flies, the scientists from the university's Centre for Neural Circuits and Behaviour believe the sleep mechanism is likely to be relevant to humans.

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Dr Jeffrey Donlea, one of the lead authors of the study, said: "There is a similar group of neurons in a region of the human brain (to fruit flies).

"These neurons are also electrically active during sleep and, like the flies' cells, are the targets of general anaesthetics that put us to sleep.

"It's therefore likely that a molecular mechanism similar to the one we have discovered in flies also operates in humans."

The body uses two mechanisms to regulate sleep, one being the body clock while the other is the sleep 'homeostat', which keeps track of a person's waking hours and puts them to sleep when they need to reset.

This represents an internal nodding off point separate from external factors, and when out of use, sleep deficits build up.

Professor Gero Miesenböck of Oxford University said: "The sleep homeostat is similar to the thermostat in your home.

"A thermostat measures temperature and switches on the heating if it's too cold, while the sleep homeostat measures how long a fly has been awake and switches on a small group of specialised cells in the brain if necessary.

"It's the electrical output of these nerve cells that puts the fly to sleep."

Dr Donlea said: "We discovered mutant flies that couldn't catch up on their lost sleep after they had been kept awake all night."

Fellow lead author Dr Diogo Pimental added: "The big question now is to figure out what internal signal the sleep switch responds to.

"If we knew what happens in the brain during waking that requires sleep to reset, we might get closer to solving the mystery of why all animals need to sleep."

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New surface

LONDON Road is set for a new road surface and bus lane this summer.

The £1.33million project will take place between Green Road roundabout and Wharton Road.

Oxfordshire County Council says the road has been on its list of priorities for resurfacing due to its condition.

County Cllr David Nimmo Smith said: "This will be great news for anyone who has been calling for resurfacing to be done.

"The best long-term solution has always been for us to coordinate the bus lane works with the resurfacing so that money is not spent on resurfacing which then needs to be dug up."

Leon fundraiser

VARIOUS fund raising events are taking place to raise money for the city of León in Nicaragua.

Oxford has been twinned with León, the second poorest country in Latin American, since 1984.

On March 2, members of the Oxford León Association and Trust (OLAT) will sing La Misa Campesina at Blackfriars Chapel in St Giles.

As part of Oxford International Women's Festival, OLAT will run the cafe at the Farmers' Market on March 16.

There will also be a sponsored swim at Hinksey Pool on July 7.

Conviction 'should act as deterrent'

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done by Welch was so poor that it was worth nothing, yet he tried to extract £2,500 for what essentially was a simple paint job.

"Obviously we are delighted with this conviction and I hope that it acts as a deterrent to anybody else who might be thinking of trying to con residents out of money by doing low quality decoration work.

"The county council has the Buy with Confidence Scheme, which is a list of reputable businesses which out Trading Standards team have checked and approved.

"My advice is that people should consult this list so they can find a legitimate company who will carry out a job properly, rather than accepting work by people on the street who offer it."

For more information about the Buy with Confidence Scheme, go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/buy-confidence.

Entrepreneurs net £23,000 funding boost

REPRESENTATIVES from four projects have secured a total of £23,000 of funding, following the Oxford Brookes Social Entrepreneur Awards (OBSEA) this month.

Projects were chosen through a Dragons' Den pitch event, one of the judges being London 2012 gold medallist rower Katherine Grainger.

Mona Sakr of The Knowledge Project was awarded £9,000, Glenda Huish of Bramble Verbiage and Jordon Maynard-Daley or Arts Excite each received £5,000, and Danny Newcombe and Will Roberts of Boing were given £4,000.

OBSEA programme lead Roberto Daniele said: "Our annual Dragons' Den event is the highlight of the OBSEA programme and once more we have been impressed by the calibre of ideas presented.

"Our applicants are passionate and determined people who are keen to explore the potential of social entrepreneurship, and brave enough to take that first step.

"Oxford Brookes has a key role to play in supporting these developing social entrepreneurs, who will hopefully go on to become future change-makers in Oxford, the UK, or potentially across the world."

Project co-ordinator Jeff Willmore added: "Our awards presentation honoured all our winners from this year and was a real celebration of achievement.

"We're already looking forward to next year, when we hope to open up the OBSEA programme to the wider community."

• *Glenda Huish makes her pitch at the Oxford Brookes Social Entrepreneur Awards*

Students use pedal power for short Sustainability Week film

BROOKES students will take to their bikes tomorrow evening to power a short film, all in aid of Sustainability Week.

Thankfully, the documentary 'Do the Math' is a short one and is all part of Oxford Brookes' tenth year since becoming the world's first Fairtrade University.

Brookes' Sustainability Team has organised a number of events for this week, with five themed days.

Focus is on water, transport, food, energy and waste.

Earlier this week, students took part in water day.

This involved water tasting tests at Gipsy Lane and a documentary about the safety of tap water.

On Tuesday it was all about transport while yesterday there was a farmers and fairtrade market in the John Henry Brooks building for food day.

Today marks waste day which will see the collection of clothes and accessories in exchange for tokens.

And tomorrow is energy day, hence the bike powered screening of 'Do the Math'.

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Two men arrested after robbery in Littlemore

A MAN remains in police custody today while another has been bailed in connection with the robbery of a newsagents in Littlemore last Sunday.

A 34-year-old man is still being quizzed by Thames Valley Police while a 23-year-old has been bailed until April 30.

Officers are still investigating the incident which happened at around 12.30pm on February 23.

Two men entered the newsagents, one armed with a large knife, and demanded the shopkeeper to hand over the contents of the till.

An altercation followed, between both offenders and the shopkeeper, during which the latter was injured.

He received injuries to his forearm and knee and was taken to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

The two offenders left the shop on bicycles, taking the till with them.

Supt Christian Bunt, LPA Commander for Oxford, said: "We are following a number of active lines of inquiry and have had some good leads meaning that the investigation is progressing well.

"I would also like to reassure local businesses and residents we have a number of CID and uniformed officers working on this investigation.

"Additional patrols have been put in place in the local area and I would encourage any residents who have concerns to approach our officers with them."

Thames Valley Police is asking anyone who may have witnessed the robbery or with any information that can help with enquiries to call 101.

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Police seize over £1m in crime cash

OVER £1million has been seized by Thames Valley Police during the financial year so far, having carried out a total of 157 forfeiture orders of criminal cash.

It means the force is close to reaching a target of 160 orders, set by the Economic Crime Unit (ECU) to reach by April.

The total seized is currently £1,009,356.78, which includes cash or assets, such as houses or cars.

Det Insp Gavin Tyrrell, head of the ECU, said: "When the police find someone with over £1,000 in cash and we suspect it has come from crime or is going to fund crime, the Proceeds of Crime Act allows us to seize it.

"Once the cash has been seized, financial investigators in the ECU carry out in-depth investigations into the finances of the individual who had the cash to prove its' derivation.

"If there is evidence to suggest on the balance of probabilities that it came from crime or was to be used in crime, a forfeiture order application will be made to a magistrates' court.

"If the magistrates are satisfied that the cash is a product of criminal activity, it will be forfeited."

Forfeited cash goes to central government, with 50 per cent of money being returned to the police force who obtained the order.

Death crash referred to IPCC

A FATAL collision on the A34 last Friday has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

The two-vehicle smash happened at just before 3am, resulting in the death of a lorry driver and tailbacks through to Oxford.

Officers received a report that a dead badger was obstructing the southbound carriageway of the A34 near the Marcham Interchange.

However, as traffic was slowed down to remove the animal, a lorry collided with another vehicle.

The lorry driver was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford but died of his injuries.

After the matter was initially discussed with the IPCC, Thames Valley Police confirmed that it would be officially referred to the commission.

The southbound carriageway was closed between the Marcham and Milton Interchange after the incident, but re-opened earlier that day.

Thames Valley Police is now appealing for witnesses to the incident.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Teen's death 'preventable'

THE death of a teenager, who suffered from learning difficulties and was being cared for at a Headington in-patient unit, was "preventable", a report has concluded.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Connor Sparrowhawk, 18, who had Klinefelter's syndrome, was found submerged in a bath at Slade House on July 4 last year, and died in hospital shortly afterwards.

A post-mortem showed that he died as a result of drowning, likely to have been caused by an epileptic seizure.

The report concluded that his death was "preventable", and found "two broad areas with significant failings in the care and treatment of Connor; his epilepsy care and the overall care provided by the unit".

It also criticised an agreement made by staff to undertake 15-minute observations of his baths, which it claimed were "unsafe and failed to safeguard Connor".

This report by external company Verita follows an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which said the unit was non-compliant with a number of standards.

Slade House has been closed to new admissions since the CQC report.

Katrina Percy, chief executive of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, said: "I am deeply sorry that Connor died whilst in our care and that we failed to undertake the necessary actions required to keep him safe.

"We are wholly committed to learning from this tragedy in order to prevent it from happening again, and I would like to apologise unreservedly to Connor's family. The unit remains closed to admissions whilst we work with our commissioners to design a new model of care for learning disability patients in the Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Swindon areas.

"A number of actions were taken soon after Connor's death and also following the CQC inspection. We will now look to ensure the overarching action plan also includes all the recommendations and findings from the Verita investigation report so that we can provide the best possible care to our patients."

Helping hand for city's parks

VOLUNTEERS are being encouraged to help enhance and improve Blackbird Leys' parks.

A new city council project will see Fry's Hill Park, Spindleberry Nature Park and Blackbird Leys Park improved.

Young trees will be planted on the mound at Fry's Hill Skate Park and local residents are being invited to help out from 11am this Saturday.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for housing, said: "I encourage people from across the Leys to come along, bring their families and help plant a tree.

"It's an opportunity for the community to be involved as we reshape the park, diversify usage and get the best out of green spaces across our estate."

The project is supported by The Conservation Volunteers in partnership with Oxford City Council, Groundwork South and the Leys Housing Consortium.

Do one good deed this week

• Andrew Smith MP has praised the efforts of those taking part in Student Volunteering Week

OXFORD East MP Andrew Smith has praised the work of people from Oxford and Oxford Brookes Universities at the start of Student Volunteering Week.

At the launch event on Monday morning, Mr Smith joined students in Bonn Square to ask members of the public to pledge to do one good deed this week.

Student Volunteering Week runs until Sunday, and has been co-ordinated by the National Union of Students and Student Hubs.

A week of events is currently taking place to champion the positive, long-term impact that students can have in their local communities through volunteering.

Mr Smith said: "I think it's really important to recognise the huge benefit our community gets from students volunteering.

"Helping in schools, visiting elderly people, giving recreational opportunities to disabled young people and working in the food banks are just some of the activities students are doing.

"These young people are a credit to Oxford, and we owe them a debt of thanks for all they do.

"As well as the hands-on help locally, lots of student voluntary effort is also dedicated to vital global causes like combating world poverty and tackling climate change."

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'Ambulances on two wheels' set for Oxon

A TEAM of first aiders who respond on bicycles are being trained across the county, in order to quickly get to those in need at large events.

The St John Ambulance Cycle Responders will be present at festivals and other events that cover a large area that make it difficult for vehicles to get to a casualty.

Each cycle responder is equipped with a mountain bike and equipment to make it effectively a mini ambulance on two wheels.

South east regional operational cycling officer Peter Leach said: "We already have a small team of cycle responders but there aren't enough to cover the events for which we receive requests.

"Each bike carries a huge variety of equipment from bandages and aspirin to oxygen and an Automatic External Defibrillator, which is also used to restart people's hearts.

"We are always looking for new volunteers who want to be trained in this role.

"People who have a reasonable level of fitness and are already comfortable on a bike, and who would like to learn how to be the difference between a life lost and a life saved, can apply."

For more details, contact Peter on 07747 766554 or email peter.leach@sja.org.uk.

Work gets underway on 113 houses in the city

OXFORD is set for two large housing developments as part of a programme to deliver 113 new homes across the city.

By Jack Johnson
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Work on 48 new homes at Minchery Farm, Littlemore, and 49 modern sheltered housing flats to replace old buildings at Bradlands, Marston began earlier this week.

There will also be a 16-home redevelopment at three smaller sites at Bury Knowle in Headington, Cardinal Close in Littlemore, and Leiden Road in Wood Farm.

Work will take around 12 months to complete and Oxford City Council says the developments will be ready for occupation in March 2015.

The Bradlands redevelopment will offer older people modern sheltered housing, with walk in shower rooms, individual heating systems and excellent communal facilities.

The scheme in Minchery Farm will see 48 affordable family homes being built and will provide a mix of flats and two, three and four bedroom homes.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, said: "This is an exciting time in Oxford.

"We need suitable council houses for our residents and these two sites will provide excellent modern housing that is suitable for today's residents.

"The Council is committed to providing more affordable housing to meet housing need in Oxford."

More than £2.4million has been provided by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to support the five schemes through the Affordable Homes Programme.

Oxford City Council is also contributing more than £17million of its own funds to the programme.

Lucy Atkins, HCA area manager, added: "Through our work to support the provision of new and affordable homes across England, we know how important projects like Bradlands and Minchery Farm are to local communities.

"Our investment has helped provide new and improved affordable homes for people of all ages in high demand in Oxford.

"Partners have worked hard to get the projects to this stage. It's great to see that their efforts are making a difference."

University professor is a 'woman with heart'

• *Prof Barbara Casadei*

A PROFESSOR from Oxford University has been recognised by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) for her contribution to helping heart patients.

Prof Barbara Casadei, a researcher on heart rhythm disorders, has been named a 'Woman With Heart' by BHF.

She is now among ten nominees to determine the nation's favourite 'Woman With Heart'.

The winner will be announced to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8.

As well as being a heart doctor at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Prof Casadei also pioneers research to improve our understanding of atrial fibrilliation.

Her work could lead to new treatments for people affected by this condition, which greatly increases the risk of heart failure and stroke.

Prof Casadei said: "The BHF funds my work but it's lovely to be recognised in this way too.

"I hope women will aim high and be fearless career-wise, and look after their own heart health too."

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Man attacked with spirit level at Lidl

A MAN suffered a broken arm after being hit with a spirit level in a supermarket car park on February 7.

The 46-year-old was in the Lidl supermarket car park on Watlington Road, Oxford, between 6.15pm and 6.30pm, when he became involved in an argument with another man.

During the argument, the offender struck the victim with a spirit level, which he took out of a Peugeot van.

The offender is white, in his late 20s to early 30s, of average build, with short hair and clean shaven.

Thames Valley Police is now appealing for information with regard to the incident.

If you know anything about it contact Det Con Tom Mansfield on 101.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Greener heating for homes and businesses

A NEW grant could see homes and business within Oxford receiving more efficient, low carbon heating.

By **Jack Johnson**

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Oxford City Council has been granted £17,000 from the Department of Energy and Climate Change towards a £25,000 project to explore the potential of heat networks.

The news follows last month's OxFutures event, which set out a vision to position the county at the forefront of low carbon innovation.

Oxford is one of 26 local authorities across England and Wales that have been awarded a total of over £1.9million to support the development of heat network projects.

This is designed to provide more efficient heat to buildings and potentially lower bills through the Government's Heat Networks Delivery Unit.

Cllr John Tanner, board member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford, said: "I'm thrilled that once again Oxford has attracted funding to develop forward thinking energy projects in our city.

"Heat networks have the potential of providing reliable and affordable heat with lower carbon emissions for our householders and businesses which is great news.

"We need projects like this to help meet our city's carbon reduction target of 40 per cent by 2020."

The project will look at the potential for Oxford and what can be done in specific areas of the city.

It could mean connecting council owned buildings to allow more efficient generation of heat from large scale boilers, fuelled by gas or wood chip.

The aim would then be to build on this by connecting other local buildings to this efficient system.

Last month's OxFutures event announced the aim of attracting £400m in low carbon and renewable projects by 2020.

OxFutures is a partnership between the city and county council with the Low Carbon Hub.

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New unit could ease pressure on JR

A NEW emergency unit in Witney could help to ease pressure at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

Run by Oxford Health NHS Trust, the Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit provides 24-hour care at Witney Community Hospital.

The unit also includes an assessment centre with five beds, physiotherapy room, isolation room and kitchen.

West Oxfordshire District Council's Cabinet Member for Health, Cllr Mark Booty, has described the unit as being "vital" to Witney and the surrounding rural locality.

Cllr Booty said: "It is fantastic to see this Unit up and running in Witney.

"In a rural District like ours, which has an increasing ageing population, this will provide a vital service to our local community.

"It is invaluable for patients to be treated closer to home and to their families, with the additional benefit of helping to relieve the pressure at our closest acute treatment hospital – it is a win, win situation for all involved."

The Unit fully opened in January and, along with Abingdon Community Hospital, is the second of its kind in Oxfordshire.

• *(From left to right) Samantha Band, Cllr Mark Booty and patient Joan Swan at the new Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit in Witney.*

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Get a step ahead...

DIY guru Julia Gray helps you beautify your home's look by modifying the front door.

By **Julia Gray**

POINTING out that the front door is one of the first things visitors see of your home sounds like a very obvious statement - but it's a statement that can often be overlooked. Because people become so focussed on 'bigger' DIY projects - be it converting lofts or installing fancy new kitchens - that one humble, simple door can easily be forgotten.

The easiest thing to do is change the door furniture - chrome or satin nickel is more fashionable than brass and gives a smart, contemporary look, suited to both period and modern doors. Get metal door numbers to match, or consider frosted-film numbers if you have a glazed or partially glazed door or porch. They can be fiddly to fit, but they look stunning.

Paint on exterior doors has a tendency to crack and flake, letting in water as well as making a poor first impression. If your front door's paintwork is tatty, start by removing it from its hinges and taking off the door furniture. Use a wood scraper to remove any flaking or cracked paint, then sand smooth and apply flexible exterior wood filler to the repairs. Sand it - and the rest of the door - when set. Wood filler dries fairly quickly anyway, but at this time of year, quick-drying DIY products are an asset, so look for a water-based or quick-drying oil-based exterior wood paint for the door.

Painting the door a different colour can make a big difference to your home's frontage. Ideally, the colour should go with the building's brickwork, paintwork or other exterior finish, and suit its age and style of architecture. While some, classic colours, such as red, black and dark blue, remain popular for front doors, there are also colour trends - greys, duck-egg blues and greens are fashionable at the moment.

Apply a coat or two of exterior wood primer-undercoat (preferably quick drying) and once dry, rub down the door with fine sandpaper to remove any dust and debris, then wipe over with a damp cloth. When dry, this will create a good surface for the topcoat to adhere to and should ensure a better finish.

For the topcoat, use an exterior wood paint (again, preferably quick drying) and apply to all the exposed surfaces, including the top and bottom edges. Missing these will mean that water seeps in over time, causing the wood to shrink and expand. When the first coat's completely dry, apply a second coat, if necessary. (To see a how-to video on painting an exterior panelled door, visit www.sandtex.co.uk).

If your front door is beyond repair, you'll need to replace it, but before you go out and buy a new door, check the rules and regulations. The door may need to comply with building regulations, particularly if it is glazed. And if you live in a listed building, you may need consent from your local council's conservation department to alter the door, even in a small way.

Restrictions can also apply if your home is on 'designated land', which includes conservation areas. Again, the local council will be able to tell you what you can and can't do - planning permission may be required to replace a front door, for example, or even only to paint it a different colour. Similarly, if your home is leasehold, you may need the freeholder's permission to change the front door, or it may belong to the freeholder and not you - check your lease carefully if in doubt.

Replacing a front door can be tricky for DIYers, because new doors take quite a bit of adjusting to fit the size of the frame, which can be both frustrating and time-consuming - it's probably worth getting in professional help. Fitting the locks can also be a challenge, so getting a carpenter in is often advisable, because as well as looking good, your door must, of course, be practical and up to the job of keeping your home safe and secure.

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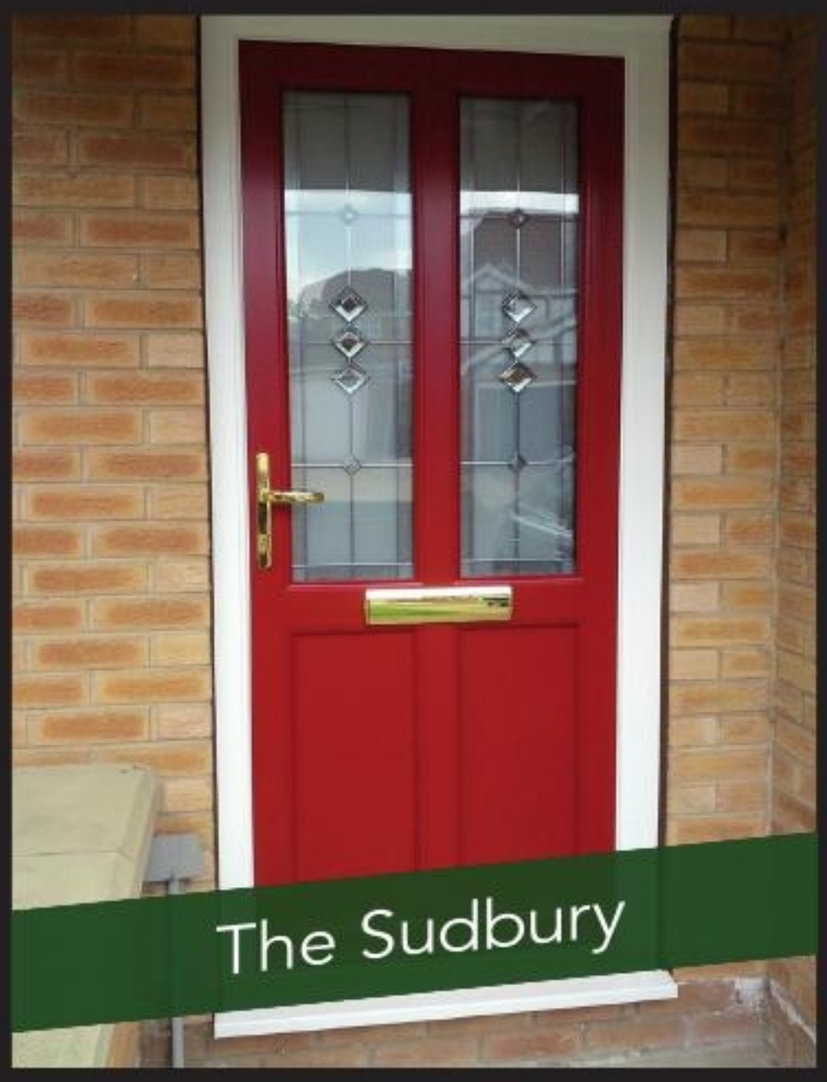

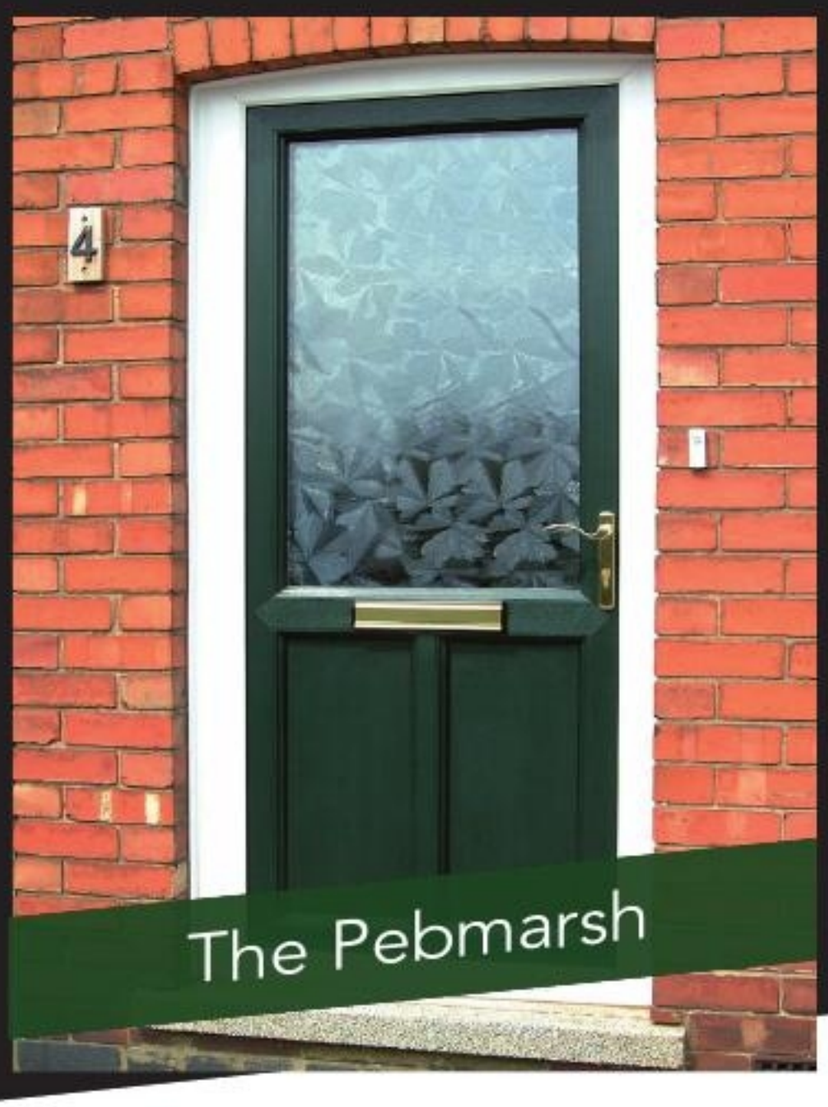

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Ghost 'speaks to audiences'

By **Adam Flinn**

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WEST End hit show Ghost the Musical is at Oxford's New Theatre until March 8, as it embarks on a national tour.

Based on the Oscar-winning film, the story of Ghost is well known as a timeless fantasy about the power of love, which starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Tony Goldwyn and Whoopi Goldberg.

It followed Sam, who is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next, trying to communicate with girlfriend Molly through a phoney psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

Bruce Joel Rubin adapted his movie screenplay for this stage production, and he said: "When we opened in Manchester, I didn't know what to expect.

"At the end of the performance, there was a level of response which I'd never experienced – people stamping their feet, whistling and cheering.

"Something in Ghost the Musical speaks to the audience. They laugh, they cry and in the transfer from screen to stage musical, I think that the story has deepened emotionally."

Director Matthew Warchus added: "Ghost the Musical has individual episodes involving only Sam and Molly, while the story progresses through the actions of the chorus.

"You could do Ghost the Musical with a cast of only five people, but for me the story is not simply about death, it also deals with life in the city, life in the offices, on the streets.

"When Ghost the Musical opened, I was criticised for including songs in the show that didn't advance the action, as they are supposed to do.

"But I didn't want them to advance the action. In this job, you are often criticised for not doing what you never intended to do in the first place!"

The show is running until March 8. For more information about show times and ticket prices, call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• The cast of Ghost the Musical, now at the New Theatre (Picture by Sean Ebsworth Barnes)

Beautiful music

KATE Howden and Paul Jones bring their 'Beautiful Music in Beautiful Places' tour to Drayton Village Hall tomorrow evening.

The Lancashire-based duo will entertain crowds with music, anecdotes and fun.

Tickets cost £8 and £12, with a buffet, and are available from Vickery's hardware in Drayton or call 01235 531180.

Show starts at 7.30pm.

See Room 94

NORTH London pop/rock four piece Room 94 are hitting the O2 Academy on Saturday as part of their UK tour.

It follows the release of their debut studio album 'No Strings Attached'.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £8.

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Lots of synergy

SYNERGY Variety Troupe will be raising money for an Oxford charity when they perform at Cumnor Village Hill this Saturday.

The dance troupe will perform 'Showcase Spectacular' for the benefit of disabled sailing group Oxford Sailability.

Synergy will perform choreography from Herman's Hermits, Andy Williams and Grease.

Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children. Call 01865 864785.

Access all arias

FIVE Oxford University students have the chance to perform their moment of opera, an aria, this evening at Oxford Playhouse.

The students have collaborated with Music Theatre Wales and each new aria will be performed for the first time.

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Children, mums, dads, all aboard!

• *Thomas Frere plays Colin and Belinda Lazenby stars as Nita in Grandpa's Railway, at the North Wall Arts Centre on Saturday (Picture by Lewis Wileman)*

THE story of a grandfather who has to give up his model railway and pass it on to his granddaughter comes to the North Wall Arts Centre in a new children's show on Saturday.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Grandpa's Railway follows elderly couple Colin and Nita as they prepare to move house and are packing away their things.

Colin is having trouble packing up his railway, and he soon discovers he won't be able to take it with him to the new house, and has to pass it on to the next generation.

The show is currently on a national tour, and is produced by M6 Theatre Company.

Programme director Gilly Baskeyfield said: "The reaction from children is just of absolute delight.

"Families expect when they take their young children to the theatre, the play's going to be for children.

"But we found with our work that whole families are enjoying the shows, and this one is proving no exception. It really is a family show."

In recent years M6 have focused exclusively on children's theatre, and tend to produce original work rather than adapting shows from books.

Gilly added: "All of our stories are home grown, so we nurture them over long periods.

"I think what attracted us about this particular story was the fact that trains are captivating for a start, and they and model railways ignite such passion in people.

"But I think there's also something we all find quite magical about a miniature world coming to life.

"We are also very interested in the cross-generational relationships because young children can learn so much from older generations, and as a society, maybe there's been a lack of due respect to the older generation."

Saturday sees two shows at 11am and 2pm. For more details, go to www.thenorthwall.com.

Blast Off!

DIDCOT Cornerstone is blasting off in to space this Sunday and encouraging as much noise as possible.

'Blast Off! With Kid Carpet' is the story of a rock band consisting of a gorilla, a bear, a hedgehog and a badger.

They encounter noisy planets, make friends, play games and rock out at a grand dance contest.

Show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8.

In the family

RAY Cooney's 'It Runs In The Family' comes to Thame's Players Theatre next week.

It tells the story of Dr David Mortimore who frantically tries to hide the news of his illegitimate son from his wife.

This results in comic events, including a wandering senile patient and the invention of two non-existent husbands for his old flame.

Tickets are £9 and can be bought through the box office on 01844 217228. Show starts at 7.45pm.

Tech problems

A FARCICAL riot on all the grief that modern gadgets cause is being staged at the Chipping Norton Theatre from today, continuing until March 12.

Alarms and Excursions was written by the multi award-winning Michael Frayn, and features a series of comic scenarios related to the headaches of the technological age.

A full list of show times and dates can be found by visiting the website: www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

Seann Walsh

STAND-UP comedian Seann Walsh is at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre tomorrow evening, as he presents his brand new show.

He is best known for his appearances on 'Stand Up For The Week', 'Live At The Apollo' and 'Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow', and is renowned for his storytelling style.

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Understands (11)
9 Polish by friction (3)
10 Outer boundary (9)
11 Praise (5)
13 Small ship (7)
14 Latin poet (6)
16 One who prepares work for publication (6)
18 Loudly (7)
19 Sensational (5)
20 Trying to equal (9)
21 Sticky brown liquid from coal (3)
22 Delight (11)

Quick Clues Down

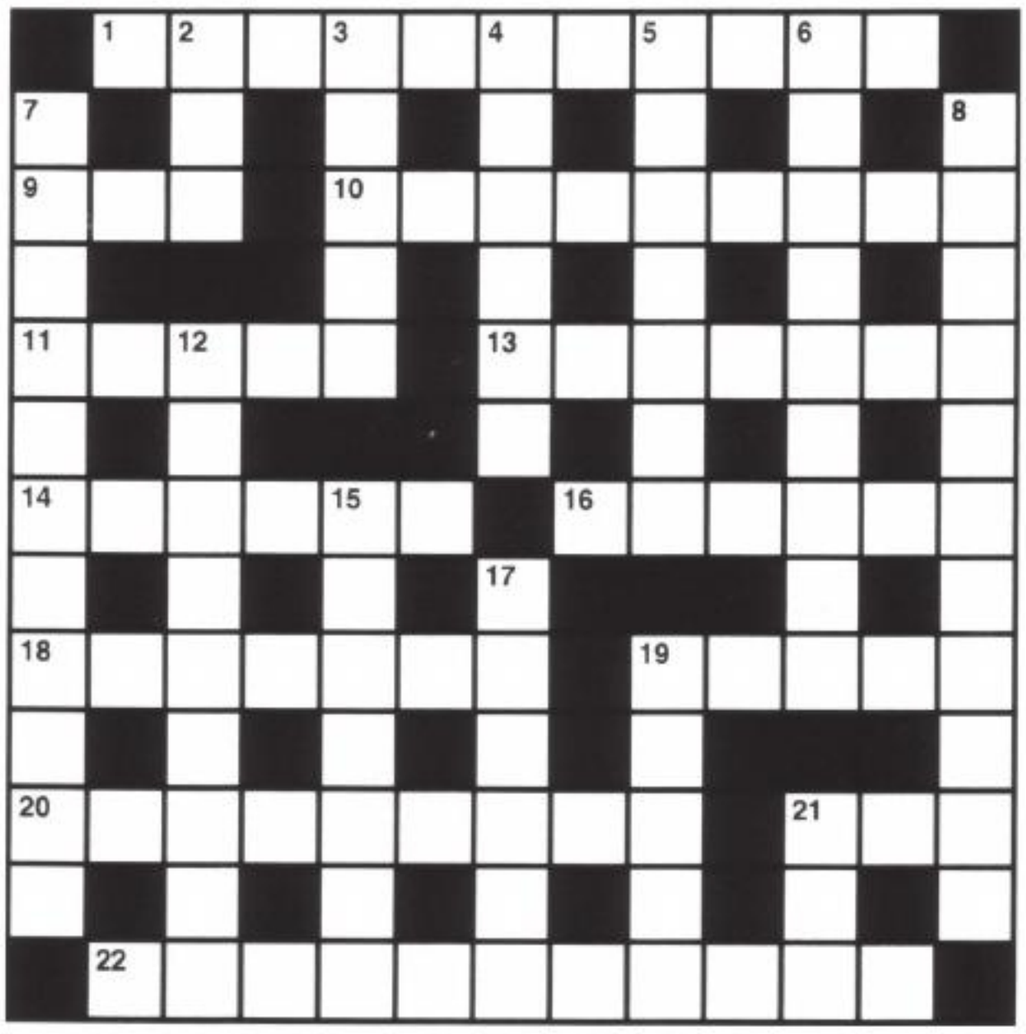
2 Sphere (3)
3 Scholar (5)
4 Continent (6)
5 Clad in white fur (7)
6 One who belittles (9)
7 One who rejects religious authority (11)
8 Those who do not believe in protective tariffs (11)
12 Baseness (9)
15 Weather (7)
17 One who operates a typewriter (6)
19 Not heavy (5)
21 Also (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Knock out empty cone for spare change (6,5)
9 Are making an organ (3)
10 Kit is somehow anti a religious follower (9)
11 Halts nearly a mile back for an afterthought (5)
13 Refer it to the conebearer (3,4)
14 Rest round centrally full effect (6)
16 Is the gambler superior? (6)
18 Sticky to let care run riot (7)
19 Move sideways, and support about fifty (5)
20 Unpleasant assault (9)
21 Part of the Bible for a worker (3)
22 A friend consuming the sea bird ate every other (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Possibly stroke the blade (3)
3 Thrilling boots? (5)
4 Duty to quarrel about the rising sun god (6)
5 See nothing second-class to present (7)
6 For example, I'm back inside, told off for having gone abroad (9)
7 Last month on a trial about the announcement (11)
8 Final hearing for men up the street to make pretty speeches (11)
12 Domineering, but in reverse frets with an external maul (9)
15 Permission to abuse freedom (7)
17 Many is the stage I take on (6)
19 Exhausted - through writing in the street? (5)
21 Every part of the ballet (3)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Backache 4 Band 8 Minute 10 Spites 11 Unite 12 Slang 14 Oracle 17 Sleepwalk 18 Shadowing 22 Estate 23 Anger 24 Trays 26 Mantis 27 String 28 Nest 29 Ballasts

Down: 1 Bump 2 Canals 3 Attune 5 Attack 6 Desserts 7 Opera 9 Engenders 10 Stowaways 13 Alpha 15 Along 16 Waterman 18 Stands 19 Attic 20 Instil 21 Genius 25 Ages

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Camisole 4 Acre 8 Maniac 10 Cellos 11 Cheap 12 Hosea 14 Romany 17 Red setter 18 Allegoric 22 Person 23 Rears 24 Least 26 Shield 27 Earned 28 Date 29 Spinners

Down: 1 Camp 2 Mentor 3 Spaced 5 Collar 6 Essayist 7 Depot 9 Chastened 10 Cart-horse 13 Seals 15 Media 16 Composed 18 Artist 19 Lolls 20 Retain 21 Cringe 25 Odes

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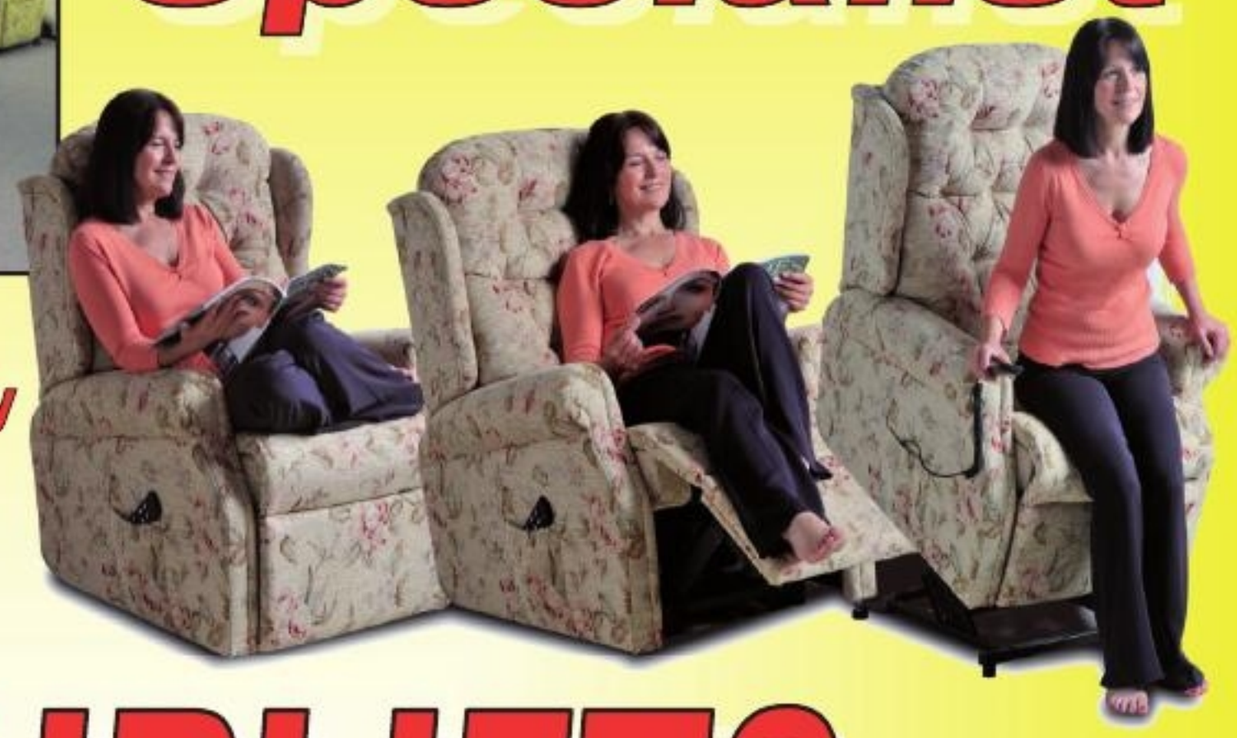

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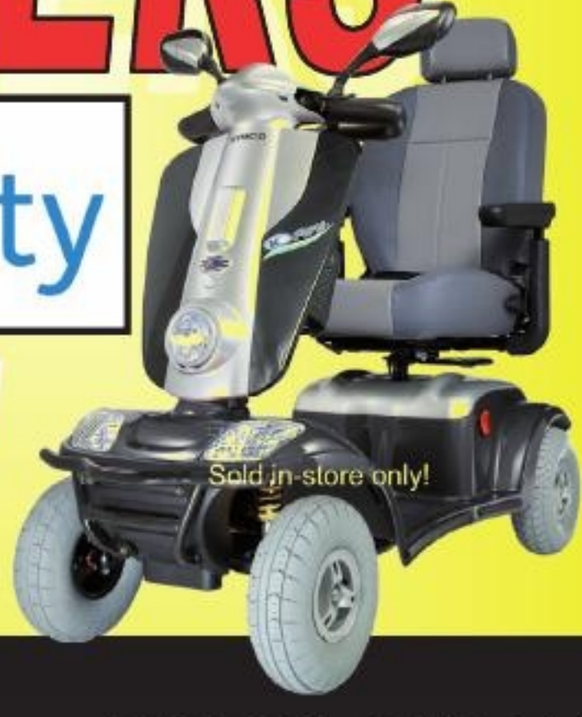

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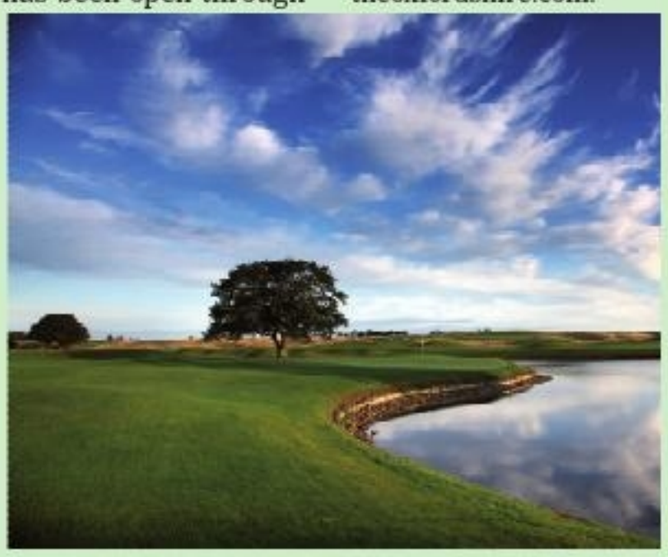

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New Honda Civic Tourer 'will handle everything you throw at it'

An excellent family car

REVIEW: HONDA CIVIC TOURER
By **Matt Kimberley**

SOME things never change, and plenty of people like it that way. The question I'm pondering is whether you can or cannot apply that reasoning to the new Honda Civic Tourer.

The Civic has a duality to its reputation that no other car can quite match. On one hand, you have the boy racer's favourite, with screaming VTEC petrol engines and pin-sharp chassis dynamics. On the other hand, you have the safe, anonymous and imperiously reliable hatchback popular with the elderly.

But this new Civic Tourer aims to end both stigmas once and for all by putting young families directly in its sights. Honda says the compact estate category is growing again, and wants to ride the crest of the wave.

So I shall do my best to look at the car through a family man's eyes.

The Tourer's long, sleek profile is fantastic, although the surface detailing is upset slightly by the bodywork-flush glass around the boot area that sits incongruously next to the door windows, naturally slightly recessed and edged by visible rubber seals.

'Will the family man really worry about that though?' I ask myself. Maybe not. He'll definitely worry about boot space though, so I lift the impressively well-assisted tailgate - an easy job for one hand – and peer into space. Literally. There's 624 litres of it, which is class leading and 19 litres ahead of the Golf estate. Some 117 litres of that space is under the main boot floor in a separate, covered compartment. It's an ingenious feature that saves cases, coats and bags from pinging about inside the boot like the plastic marbles in a game of Hungry Hippos.

The fuel tank has been shifted forward too, to underneath the front seats, to allow for maximum boot space. There are also plenty of cubby-holes and storage solutions in the cabin, including a big central storage bin that doubles as the location for the multiple media input ports and one of the two 12-volt power sockets that should let the kids charge a compatible device on the move. Enough of the family man charade though: I want to drive the thing to see whether it's more 'young gun' or 'old chap' - or neither.

Firstly, the ride is very good, with this SR model's Adaptive Damper System in Normal mode doing a sterling job of quelling bounce but also absorbing the many bumps. The suspension is a bit loud at times, but the overall experience is great. Secondly, the wide, soft seats are comfier than my own sofa.

But thirdly, and frustratingly, the two digital screens are jarringly old-school in their look and function. Graphics seemingly aping the 1982 film Tron don't help, and the way the collected buttons and digital sub-menus are designed and laid out simply isn't user-friendly.

Another negative point is the steering, which on the open road is far too light and completely devoid of feel, or gives the impression thereof, to a degree I've almost never experienced before.

To give it its due, the system is comfortable in town, so the school run, multi-storey car parks and low-speed lane-changes in traffic are all dismissed with ease, but the utter lack of weight or feel can be disconcerting at speed, despite the steering system being very direct and quick to respond.

The petrol engine is smoother and quieter than the gutsier and more frugal diesel, so you'll need to do the maths on whether the fuel economy and road tax savings - it's free for the diesel - are enough to overcome the near - £1,200 price hike. Almost everything a great everyday car needs is in place with the Civic Tourer.

So if your needs fit its big-booted and comfortable-seated talents and if the dated technology doesn't bother you, feel blissfully free to enjoy a car that will handle everything you throw at it, and probably never, ever break down. Now that's a car I could put my family in.

• *Honda Civic Tourer*

Facts at a glance

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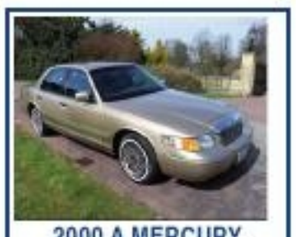

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DACIA is celebrating its first birthday by making its "shockingly affordable" market-leading model even more enticing, with a range of hot monthly repayment offers for the spring.

Brits took the smart-buy range to its heart last year, making it the fastest-growing car brand in the country. Now they are being rewarded with an unbeatable offer, available on new Duster models ordered until 31st March 2014, which start from £9,495.

Selected Duster Ambiance models are available from just £199 deposit and £199 per month. For just £10 per month extra, customers can upgrade to enjoy the benefits of Laureate.

Dacia UK Brand Manager, Andy Heiron, said: "After a record-breaking year, it seemed only right to show our appreciation to the public. Dacia came to the UK with one mission: to shake up the long stagnant new and used markets by offering "shockingly affordable" vehicles with high levels of quality and unrivalled space and equipment for the money. We've been asking customers to 'Do The Maths', but even I'm struggling to get my head around this latest price – what you are getting for your money is scary!"

Having sold more than 17,000 cars in 2013 across its four-strong line-up, Duster led the way with 7,830 orders. In its first year, Duster picked up the overall Scottish Car of the Year trophy, a hat-trick from Carbuyer.co.uk, including Car of the Year, for its "sensational value", while its 4x4 and towing abilities saw it register at the Caravan Club and Towcar ceremonies.

The model has clearly struck a chord with budget-conscious new and used car buyers up and down the country, although its success undoubtedly comes down to more than mere affordability. The stylish SUV scores high on practicality and reliability, together with low-running costs and fuel-efficient engines. It has a roomy cabin and huge boot to round off its tempting package plus the bonus of rugged off-road capability in its 4x4 guises.

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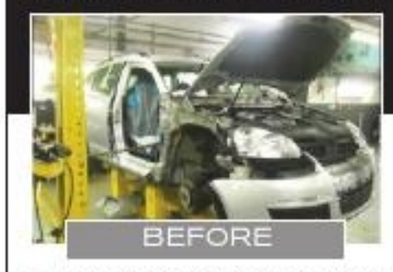

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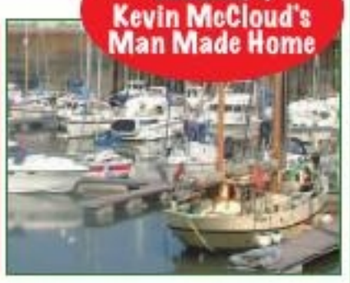

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LEWIS: 'IT'S A REAL KICK IN THE TEETH'

Caretaker manager furious after injury-time Threlfall effort rescues point for Morecambe

MICKEY Lewis was left fuming after Robbie Threlfall's late equaliser denied Oxford United victory at Morecambe last Saturday.

David Connolly put United ahead on 13 minutes but Threlfall poked home Andy Fleming's corner two minutes into added time to snatch a point.

United have slipped to fourth in Sky Bet League Two and are now six points off league leaders Chesterfield, who were beaten at Wycombe on Saturday but beat Cheltenham on Tuesday night.

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As it stands, United are two points off the third automatic promotion spot currently occupied by Rochdale.

Lewis, United's caretaker manager, told the club: "I'm not happy at all. I'm a pretty jovial kind of guy, I think, and I just thought that was a real kick in the teeth for us and of our own doing."

Despite United having the majority of the possession, Morecambe pressed for an equaliser in the second half.

Jack Sampson was twice denied by Ryan Clarke before Threlfall's equaliser in the dying seconds.

Lewis added: "I was quite happy after 70 minutes.

"The pitch wasn't great, we were a bit loose in our passing at times and with Morecambe coming at us I just thought that with the attacking players we had on the pitch we should have done better going forward.

"I thought we gave the ball away too cheaply and even though we didn't have a lot of chances, we got into good areas where we perhaps should have got something from it."

United were without injured duo Deane Smalley and Dave Kitson (both hamstring) while Tom Newey was suspended.

Matt Bevans was rested, with David Hunt moving across to right-back, while Sam Long came in at centre-half for his senior debut and midfielder Scott Davies deputised at left-back.

Clarke added: "We're gutted.

"I think a lot of people would have looked at the team beforehand and said 'if it's a point we'll take it' but we got ourselves into the game and the boys all put in a good shift.

"It's just one little bit at the end where it's gone against us and the way it's come about is just absolutely gutting."

United will attempt to return to winning ways when they travel to Rochdale in a key clash this Saturday.

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• David Connolly scored his third goal since joining on loan but United were held to a draw at Morecambe (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Ford wary over veteran Basham

• Steve Basham scored on his return from injury (Picture by Mike Allen)

MIKE Ford says he will have to be careful how often he selects veteran Steve Basham between now and the end of the season.

The striker scored on his first competitive start for Oxford City in three months last Saturday.

The 36-year-old had been sidelined with a calf injury and returned to the team to head City's equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Barrow.

City's Skrill North match at home to Altrincham on Tuesday night was called off due to a waterlogged pitch and Basham was set to be rested ahead of this weekend.

When asked about whether he would have to be careful about how often he selects Basham, Ford said: "I have.

"More than likely, if the game had been on (on Tuesday), he might well have missed out completely just for me to give him a rest.

"We'll have to see.

"He's a tremendous asset for us and when he is on the pitch we look more likely to score a goal than when he's not."

Darren Pond took a knee to the back against Barrow and while he would have been unfit for Tuesday, Ford is hoping the midfielder will be available for the visit of Gainsborough Trinity this weekend.

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